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TAGS: OEXC ES (MORALES EHRLICH, JOSE ANTONIO)

SUBJECT: OEXC IV NOMINATION JUSTIFICATION

1. NAME JOSE ANTONIO MORALES EHRLICH TITLE: DR.
2. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS: PRESENT - MAYOR OF SAN SALVADOR
PAST BL 1964/1970 HEAD OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT AT THE CITY HALL
3. PERSONAL DATA: BORN JULY 3, 1935, SANTA ANA, EL SALVADOR
PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: SALVADORAN SEX: MALE MARRIED
CHILDREN: THREE BOYS AND THREE GIRLS
ADDRESS: 101 AVENIDA NORTE NR 550, COLONIA ESCALON, SAN SALVADOR,
EL SALVADOR, C.A.
4. TRAVEL ABROAD:
TO US: 1967, 6 WEEKS TO STUDY
TO OTHER COUNTRIES: 1969, 5 WEEKS TO STUDY - GERMANY
1973, 2 WEEKS TO STUDY - CHILE
5. PREVIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT: AID-SPONSORED PROGRAM, SIX
WEEKS COURSE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (IN NEW ORLEANS, IN
SPANISH), IN 1967.
6. ESCORT-INTERPRETER WILL BE REQUIRED.
7. CANDIDATE HAS VISA ELIGIBILITY.
8. REASON FOR NOMINATION: DR MORALES IS A KEY MEMBER OF THE
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY. THIS PARTY HAS PROVEN ITSELF TO
BE A MAJOR FORCE IN SALVADORAN POLITICAL LIFE; AS MAYOR OF
THE CAPITAL CITY, DR MORALES IS THE PARTZGEB'S MOST IMPORTANT
ELECTED OFFICIAL. HE IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE THE PARTY'S
CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR IN THE NEXT ELECTION AND COULD VERY WELL
BECOME ITS CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

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9. POST OBJECTIVES OF US VISIT: MAYOR MORALES HAS HAD VERY LIMITED

EXPOSURE TO THE UNITED STATES AND VERY LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF ITS GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. WE WOULD HOPE TO EXPOSE HIM TO VARIOUS ELEMENTS IN URBAN, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, TO PROMINENT POLITICIANS AS WELL AS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

10. POST ESTIMATE OF NOMINEE'S AVAILABILITY DATES FOR US PROGRAM: CANDIDATE CAN TRAVEL AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER 7 AND MUST TRAVEL BEFORE THE END OF SEPTEMBER. HE IS AVAILABLE FOR 30 DAYS. MOSKOWITZ

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